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1. SCINTEIA OF AUGUST 10 CONTAINS EXTENSIVE FRONT PAGE (AND INNER PAGE) COVERAGE OF CEREMONY IN WHICH CEAUSESCU GAVE CHIVU STOICA "HERO OF ROMANIAN SOCIALIST REPUBLIC" AWARD ON STOICA'S 65TH BIRTHDAY. STOICA, WHEN STILL RELATIVELY YOUNG, WAS MAJOR FIGURE UNDER GHEORGHIU-DEJ, SERVING AS PRIME MINISTER IN LATE 1950'S AND LATER AS PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL OF STATE UNTIL REPLACED IN LATTER POSITION BY CEAUSESCU AROUND THE END OF 1968. STOICA WAS REMOVED FROM PRESIDUM AND EVEN THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ALTHOUGH GIVEN POSITION OF CHAIRMAN OF CENTRAL AUDITING COMMISSION WHICH HE STILL HOLDS. IN PUBLISHED EXCHANGE OF TOASTS, STOICA PRAISED CEAUSESCU AND ALSO AT ONE POINT ADMITTED HIS OWN PAST MISTAKES (PROBABLY AN ALLUSION TO CRITICISM IN LATE 1960'S OF HIS PART IN PATRASCANU AFFIAIR OF MID-1950'S. CEAUSESCU'S OWN WORDS FOR STOICA WERE VERY WARM.

2. WHILE AWARD AND UNUSUAL PRESS COVERAGE DOES HERALD FURTHER REHABILITATION OF STOICA (WHO HAS GRADUALLY BECOME MORE VISIBLE IN LAST YEAR), WE DO NOT BELIEVE HE WILL BE GIVEN MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE POSITION AGAIN. THESE HONORS
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SHOULD PROBABLY BE SEEN AS GESTURE TO REINFORCE PARTY

UNITY, HOWEVER. IT IS ALSO INTERESTING THAT, ALTHOUGH
BODNARAS WAS AMONG THOSE PRESENT, MAURER WAS NOT.
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